REMARKS

Preliminarily, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 7 and 8. It is submitted that, upon entry of this response, the remaining claims will be deemed allowable as well.

Claims 1-6, 9-16, 19, 21, and 28-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), or in the alternative, §103(a) as obvious over Aloisio, Jr. *et al.* (US 6,215,934). The Examiner notes that "[p]er formulation C (column 7), Aloisio et al teaches a primary coating composition having an equilibrium modulus of 58 psi of [sic] 0.399 MPa, which appears to read on the instant equilibrium modulus." The Applicants note that, in contrast to the presently claimed invention, *Formulation C* includes 2 parts by weight of *isooctyl mercaptopropionate* (a chain transfer agent). Accordingly, as Aloisio does not teach or suggest a composition having each and every limitation of the present claims, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to counsel's Deposit Account Number 503-121. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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